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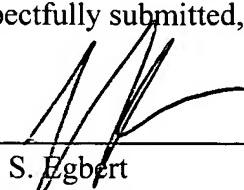
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action of August 2, 2005, a response being due by November 2, 2005, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendment A: CLAIM AMENDMENTS

Please cancel Claims 24 - 36 and substitute Claims 37 - 49 therefor as follows:

Claims 1 - 23 (canceled by an earlier amendment).

Claims 24 - 36 (canceled herein).

37. (new) A metering apparatus comprising:

an elongate chamber;

a shuttle contained in said chamber, said shuttle having a portion fit with a substantially sealing sliding relationship within said chamber, said shuttle being movable axially between a first position at one end of said chamber and a second position at an opposite end of said